



Gorbachev sees missile treaty coming soon

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev expects a treaty on eliminating superpower medium- and shorter-range nuclear missiles to be worked out by the end of this year.

In comments carried by the official Tass news agency, Gorbachev said West Germany's modified position on its 72 Pershing 1-A missiles armed with U.S.-owned nuclear warheads had improved prospects for the pact.

"The Soviet Union is proceeding from the premise that a relevant treaty could be worked out before the end of the current year," Gorbachev said.

He said the signing of a medium-range treaty would be a prelude to a breakthrough on cutting Soviet and U.S. strategic weapons by 50 percent.

"An accord on that matter could become a reality as early as the first half of next year," he declared.

Gorbachev made his comments in an article for the Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* and the government newspaper *Izvestia* released ahead of publication by Tass.

The article was to appear on the final day of meetings in Washington between Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz. Their three days of talks focusing on the medium-range arms pact began on Tuesday.

Gorbachev said the Soviet leadership believed the conclusion of an accord to eliminate intermediate nuclear weapons was "possible and realistic." "Much has been said about its potential advantages. I will not repeat them," he said.

"I would only like to note that it would deal a tangible blow at con-

cepts of limited use of nuclear weapons and the so-called 'controllable escalation' of a nuclear conflict.

Shultz and Shevardnadze said yesterday, meanwhile, that their experts had made some progress on resolving differences on arms control issues.

The two ministers, who did not specify in what area movement occurred, spoke to reporters during the second day of their talks.

The two men began with an unscheduled private meeting that lasted about 75 minutes and reviewed reports from their experts, who worked late on Tuesday night to overcome remaining obstacles.

They then moved on to discuss regional issues. But after lengthy talks Shevardnadze told *The Jerusalem Post* that no specific progress had been made on the Middle East.

"I wouldn't say there has been progress but in general terms we talked about some regional issues today and we'll talk about some more tomorrow," he said.

After their first day of talks on Tuesday, Shultz and Shevardnadze sailed off into the sunset (see photograph page three).

Shevardnadze and his wife Helena hosted a Potomac River cruise aboard a 65-ft U.S. Navy yacht, travelling down to Mount Vernon, the plantation home of George Washington.

"How are you? So pleased to see you," Mrs Shultz told Shevardnadze as she warmly clasped his hand.

Namely Dubinin, wife of the Soviet ambassador, brought a video camera, which she used to photograph the official party, then turned gleefully on startled journalists who were themselves photographing and recording the event.

Woman declared dead survives to give birth

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — A young woman who had been declared clinically dead in the fourth month of her pregnancy succeeded last week in giving birth to a healthy boy at Soroka Hospital here, in what doctors described as a medical miracle.

Orit Kikashvili, 26, who works as a nurse at Soroka, collapsed while her husband was driving her to work five months ago and was declared dead on arrival at the hospital. Doctors succeeded in reviving her and keeping the fetus alive, although she remained comatose for several days.

After checking that the foetus was unharmed, the medical staff decided not to terminate the pregnancy. Kikashvili gave birth last Friday by Caesarean section. Mother and son are both well.

In another medical first for Israel, Prof. Hartley Stern of Toronto Uni-

versity Hospital yesterday performed the radical procedure of total colectomy on a brother and sister, ages 11 and 13, without requiring external deviation of the bowel. The children suffer from familial polyposis, which leads to terminal cancer. The children's grandmother died of the consequences of the disease, and their father has his colon totally removed.

Surgical procedures to date have usually involved the insertion of a stoma or hole in the abdominal wall through which body wastes are collected. Stern's operation at the Asaf Harofeh medical centre near Ramat Aviv avoids this procedure allowing the patients considerably more comfort and significantly improving their life expectancy. The operation was observed by local pediatric surgeons through closed-circuit TV.

Mubarak, Hussein say 'no' to Shamir

Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Both Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Jordan's King Hussein have rejected recent overtures by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir for a meeting at which he hoped to persuade them of the benefits of a regional "mini-conference" for Middle East peace.

The two Arab leaders' negative responses were conveyed to Shamir by Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu's special envoy, Constantine Mitea, who had talks with the prime minister and his staff on Monday and Tuesday.

They told Mitea that they would be willing to meet with Shamir if he agreed to the concept of an international peace conference attended by the five permanent members of the UN Security Council.

Magarik, family are reunited

MOSCOW (AFP). — Alexei Magarik, the last imprisoned Jewish activist, returned here yesterday to a hero's welcome from his family and some 20 members of the Jewish community.

Magarik told reporters that he had not been informed by authorities whether his request to emigrate with his family to Israel would be approved.

"Today I need to come home and spend time with family and friends," he said. "What I do in the future probably doesn't depend only on me."

The diminutive Magarik, 28, had benefited from early release from labour camp in the Omsk region. He had been arrested in March 1986 and sentenced to three years' in a labour camp.



Six IDF soldiers carry the bier of 19-year-old Oren Kamil at the Ramle military cemetery yesterday. (APF)

3 infants orphaned in crash that kills two pregnant women

Jerusalem Post Staff and Itim
Despite a high-pressure road safety campaign by the electronic and print media, carnage on the streets continues. Three infants, all under the age of 4, were orphaned yesterday when their parents Smadar and Benjamin Yihye, both 25, were involved in a fatal collision between a Mercedes and a Subaru south of Ashkelon. (See also "West Bank drivers" page four.)

Also left motherless in the same accident were the three children of Matilda Carabani, 28. Both women, who were in an advanced stage of pregnancy, were killed instantly.

Benjamin Yihye died on the operating table at Barzilai hospital in Ashkelon. All three were residents of Moshav Atzmona.

Injured were Eli Saluk 25, the driver of the Mercedes, and Yosef Carabani, aged 33. The head-on collision took place soon after midnight when Saluk, travelling west from Ashkelon, allegedly veered out of his lane on the highway.

Also seriously hurt on the roads yesterday was Tal Star, 16, when his motor scooter careened into a station wagon in Netanya.

Another 16-year-old, Abdel Rahman Sharif, who was mending his bicycle on the main thoroughfare through Dir-el-Balah, was run over by a car. The Khan Yunis driver, when taken in for questioning by police, blamed the boy's carelessness and the driver in the car ahead of him.

Court to hear Hussein today

By JOEL GREENBERG and ASHER WALLFISH

Jerusalem Post Reporters

Professor Sari Nuseibeh of Bir Zeit University testified yesterday behind closed doors at a day-long hearing at the Jerusalem District Court on the six-month administrative detention order issued against Faisal Hussein, head of the Arab Studies Society in East Jerusalem. Hussein, a leading Palestinian activist, is to take the stand at today's

hearing, before the court decides whether to confirm the detention order issued Saturday by Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Hussein is considered by security forces to be a top PLO organizer in the territories, and has been accused in the past of organizing strikes and disturbances, and distributing money for the organization. He has been detained twice in the past half year but never charged.

Two Alignment MKs who en-

dorsed a request by several left-wing opposition factions for a special Knesset session on Hussein's detention have suddenly withdrawn their signatures, making it impossible to call the session during the recess.

The two, Aharon Harel and David Liba'i, were not available for comment last night.

The Progressive List for Peace, which had mobilized precisely the required 20 signatures, was left with only 18.

Cabinet plans Pretoria sanctions

By BENNY MORRIS

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The inner cabinet yesterday decided to impose 10 specific Common Market-type sanctions against South Africa, touching on "economic, cultural, scientific, sports and official" relations. A complete official announcement, detailing the new measures, will be published by the Cabinet Secretariat "within days," after the South African government and the relevant government ministries have been notified.

The South African ambassador was subsequently "summoned to Jerusalem," in the words of a Foreign Ministry official, and informed of the decision and its purport.

Yesterday's move was a follow-up to the inner cabinet's decisions of last March 18, which included a ban on all new defence contracts with South Africa and the establishment of an interdepartmental committee to recommend further specific sanctions.

The sanctions approved yesterday at the recommendation of the interdepartmental committee headed by Foreign Ministry political director-general Yossi Beilin include a freeze of iron imports at the present level, non-export to South Africa of oil products, a ban on private investments and a ban on third-party transactions through Israel with South Africa.

The ministers decided to set up a special fund to finance the training of South African Blacks and Coloureds in Israel.

The inner cabinet's decision was announced by Foreign Ministry spokesman Ehud Gol after the

abrupt cancellation by Prime Minister Shamir of two scheduled press conferences by Beilin and Cabinet Secretary Elyakim Rubinstein. The two were to have given details of the inner cabinet's decisions in separate conferences. But Shamir reconsidered, apparently because he felt that giving the decisions too high a profile would unnecessarily harm relations with Pretoria.

Gol said that the cancellation of Beilin's press conference was due "to technical reasons," and refused to elaborate.

Some sources yesterday conjectured that Shamir was persuaded to cancel the press conferences by a telephone call from the South African ambassador.

A Foreign Ministry official said that the sanctions decided upon conformed to the EC model, which was "milder" than the sanctions recently imposed by the U.S. and the Scandinavian countries.

The six inner cabinet ministers who voted for the sanctions — three Likud ministers are abroad and another, Minister-without-Portfolio Moshe Arens, recently resigned — also decided to sever all sports and cultural contacts with South Africa; to ban promotion of Israeli tourism to South Africa and visits by Israeli officials; and to ban government loans to South Africa and the purchase of Kruggerands by Israelis.

A Foreign Ministry official subsequently said that Israel views these decisions as being in line with "the policy towards South Africa in practice in the Free World... (Israel has joined) the Western democracies in these steps against South Africa."

The official said that every step decided upon was examined by the

inter-departmental committee and the ministers with a view to the future welfare of the South African Jewish community. "I hope and believe that there will be no (negative) reaction (by the South African authorities) towards the Jewish community," he said.

Post Knesset Correspondent Asher Wallfish adds:

Likud MK Uzi Landau believes that the inner cabinet's latest decision on further sanctions against South Africa is less sweeping than it appears.

"The mere fact that the sanctions decision flows from a consensus between the Likud and the Alignment would seem to indicate that the measures are more declarative than substantive," Landau told *The Jerusalem Post*.

"This is what I believe but I have no proof," he said.

Landau said that if the government has taken any measures injurious to Israel's trade balance, it has made a grave mistake.

Landau said: "I can see the logic in passing decisions calculated to ward off external criticism, but such decisions should not entail anything more than the barest minimum of substance."

He added: "It is in Israel's interest to preserve ties with South Africa in military and commercial fields alike."

"We should avoid the habit of running out in front of the pack," he said.

Landau suggested that it was illogical for Israel to drop connections with South Africa in the sphere of sport, while hoping to establish such connections with countries like the Soviet Union.

Three soldiers die in clash in Lebanon

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In the fiercest clash in South Lebanon since the Israeli withdrawal in 1985, three IDF soldiers were killed and four wounded on Tuesday night. The IDF is trying to determine whether Syria was behind the clash near Shab'a in the Mount Hermon area. O/C Northern Command Yossi Peled said last night.

The battle took place under unusually difficult conditions in the northern sector of the security zone and was apparently launched by the Lebanese National Resistance Front, which is closely connected with Damascus and is made up of pro-Syrian groups. According to reports from Lebanon, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine was also involved.

Military sources said they believed that this was the first time the LNRF had been involved in an attack against Israel.

But Peled cautioned that "one mustn't hasten to reach conclusions."

A small Givati infantry force, whose members had joined the IDF only a year ago, was in a wadi in the early evening on a search operation for terrorists attempting to infiltrate into Israel, a senior IDF officer said.

The force had been surprised by close RPG and automatic fire, which instantly killed the company commander, Ronen Weissman of Moshav Maslul. The platoon commander, Alexander Singer of Kibbutz Ein Tzurim, who rushed to his aid, was also killed, and the young soldiers were left in difficult, hilly terrain without officers and with a wounded medic.

Peled praised the soldiers who continued to fight and did not aban-

don their wounded comrades. At times, when the firing abated, they tried to tend to their wounded comrades, he said, noting that the wounded lay for several hours in the battle area because it was impossible to evacuate them.

At one point, Oren Kamil of Ramle went to the aid of the two

Platoon leader slain on 25th birthday

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Alex Singer, one of the IDF soldiers killed yesterday in Lebanon, died on his 25th birthday. Born in Washington in 1962, he first came here in 1973 on a sabbatical with his parents. The family remained in Israel for four years before returning to the United States.

Three years ago, Alex Singer came back to Israel, following in the footsteps of a younger brother who studied at the Kibbutz Ein Tzurim uplan before being drafted into the army. Alex Singer had taken longer to follow his Zionist leanings, only because he wanted to complete his tertiary studies in Sovietology and Judaism at Cornell University.

Here, he joined the paratroopers and was later an officer in the Givati Brigade. He elected to join the permanent army, and because he was a lone soldier without a family in the country, he was adopted by Yehuda Chen, one of the members of Kibbutz Ein Tzurim.

wounded officers and was fatally wounded.

Kamil, and one of the four wounded, had been among those injured in the terrorist grenade attack near the Western Wall last October.

Helicopters were sent in to drop flares and clear the area for reinforcements.

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Israel to bargain on arms sales to Saudia

By BENNY MORRIS

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Israel will continue to oppose U.S. sales of sophisticated weaponry to Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states, senior policy-makers decided yesterday. But officials in Jerusalem, taking into account Washington's increasing commitments in the Gulf and possible military developments in the area, said that it was likely that Israeli opposition to the sales would be "bargained down" and that the Saudis "in the end" would receive "some arms."

There are "several items" in the currently mooted U.S. arms package to the Saudis that Israel considers "very problematic" and a threat to its defence interests, said one senior official, possibly indicating how Israel would bargain down the current package.

Israeli officials reiterated yesterday that "Israel opposes all arms sales to enemy countries, such as Saudi Arabia and Jordan."

The assessment in Jerusalem is that, as in the past, Israel is capable of mustering sufficient congressional support to torpedo the Reagan administration's intended sales — but that doing so might be counter-

productive in the long run, given Washington's current commitments and Israel's military and financial needs in the wake of the scrapping of the Lavi.

Israel must thus tread a cautious path between not alienating the administration and preventing the supply to Saudi Arabia and, later, Jordan of weapons that will seriously threaten its security.

Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy earlier this week informally notified a subcommittee of the House of Representatives that the administration was considering a major sale of weapons — including F-15 aircraft and Maverick and Stinger missiles — to Saudi Arabia, Oman and other American-aligned Gulf states.

Murphy told the congressmen that the administration had not yet decided on the "timing" or the "composition" of the planned arms sales.

Secretary of State George Shultz has indirectly conveyed to Israel, reportedly through figures in Aipac, Israel's lobby in Washington, the administration's desire that Israel refrain from forcefully and publicly

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A-G Harish under fire over Nakash extradition

By MENACHEM SHALEM

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Politicians fighting William Nakash's extradition to France attacked Attorney-General Yosef Harish yesterday for his assertion that the Jerusalem Rabbinical Court has no authority to prevent or postpone the extradition.

Minister Yitzhak Peretz denounced Harish's "brusque and excessive" tone toward the religious tribunal and said that the attorney-general's handling of the Nakash af-

fair was "unjudicious." MK Haim Drukman (National Religious Party) blasted Harish's "grave disregard" for the judicial authority of the rabbinical court. He said that French Justice Ministry officials had expressed "dismay" at Harish's treatment of the Nakash affair.

Harish's statement to the rabbinical court was submitted yesterday by Jerusalem District Attorney Yosef Ben Or, who is pressing the rabbi-

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THE WEATHER

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Jerusalem	48	19-30	29
Golan	33	20-32	31
Nahariya	32	24-31	30
Safed	32	17-30	28
Haifa Port	67	24-32	30
Tiberias	61	25-34	34
Nazareth	34	24-36	33
Afula	34	21-32	31
Somertown	51	21-32	31
Tel Aviv	67	23-30	29
B-G Airport	65	23-30	29
Jericho	47	27-36	35
Caesarea	72	24-30	30
Beersheba	72	21-31	31
Eilat	25	25-38	38

ARRIVALS

Mr. Hyman Kreitman, chairman of the Ben-Gurion University Foundation, guest of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Refuge camp under curfew

By JOEL GREENBERG

A curfew was clamped yesterday on the Balata refugee camp in Nablus when scattered disturbances broke out in the aftermath of Tuesday's killing of a 12-year-old boy during a wave of unrest in the area.

Military sources said the curfew was imposed after youths in the camp threw stones at troops in several locations. They said the measure was intended to prevent a further deterioration in the violence.

The autopsy performed on the dead boy's body revealed that he had been killed by a gunshot, but the IDF is still investigating the exact circumstances of death. The pathological examination did not find a bullet, but showed that the boy had died Tuesday morning, though he was brought to Rafidia Hospital in Nablus at about 1:30 p.m.

According to IDF accounts, the driver of an army vehicle and other soldiers opened fire in the morning inside Balata after the vehicle was surrounded by stone-throwing demonstrators. OC Central Command Amram Mitzna and other senior officers yesterday held a debriefing at the scene in an effort to determine the sequence of Tuesday's events.

Three West Bank men were yesterday ordered held in administrative detention for six months, on suspicion of organizing disturbances and recruiting for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Nine youths from Jenin were ordered held for nine days on suspicion of planning disturbances during the next week.

Israeli denies immigration of 600 Iranians via Turkey

ANKARA (AP). -- A Turkish newspaper reported yesterday that 600 Iranian Jews had immigrated to Israel via Turkey and Cyprus under an agreement between Israel and Iran.

The story, in the English-language *Daily News*, was denied by the Israeli charge d'affaires, Yehuda Millo, while Turkish officials denied any Turkish involvement in the deal.

The Ankara-based newspaper, quoting unidentified diplomatic sources, said the Jews first travelled to Istanbul in groups and were then ferried to Limassol, before going on to Haifa.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Inal Batu said yesterday that Turkey was

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

U.S. Jewish community hails closing down of PLO office

By DAVID MAKOVSKY

WASHINGTON. -- Jewish leaders yesterday welcomed the State Department's decision to close the information office of the PLO in Washington and said they would abandon their bid for congressional legislation to ban the PLO's New York office.

Morris Abram, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, indicated that the Jewish community had no interest in continuing to push for the legislation. "We are certainly not going to put our shoulders behind any legislation at this time. We trust that the operation of that [New York] office will be carefully scrutinized, and that any infraction or violation of the treaty by the PLO will result in swift action by our government," he said.

Abram lauded the decision to close the Washington office, saying: "The State Department's action confirms this administration's condemnation of the PLO as a terrorist group and recognizes that as long as its office is permitted to operate in the heart of our nation's capital, the American commitment to combat terrorism will not be seen as either reliable or credible, either at home or abroad."

The State Department closed the office through a legal mechanism that designated the Palestine Information Office as a "foreign mission" and then closed the office. The Foreign Mission Act gives governmental authority to bar foreign-funded and controlled entities.

Four Arab ambassadors and a representative of the Arab League met with Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs Richard Mur-

phy yesterday to protest against the decision, saying it would cause "serious damage" to U.S. relations with Arab states.

Clovis Maksoud, representative of the Arab League, said the closure would be raised at a previously scheduled meeting of Arab Foreign Ministers to be held in Tunis and that the forum was "bound to take a firm decision."

When asked how Jordan -- which in July 1986 closed the PLO office in Amman -- could appeal on behalf of the PLO office in Washington, Maksoud said: "That is an issue of inter-Arab relations, but the PLO is still a member of the Arab League."

An administration official said the appearance of Arab unity really amounted to "lip service," and the closing of the PLO office would not hurt U.S. ties with Arab states.

An official of the American Civil Liberties Union appeared yesterday at a press conference with Palestine Information Office director Abdul Hassan Rahman, and indicated the

union's willingness to assist the organization in a law suit to keep the PLO office open. Rahman said his group would challenge the decision in the U.S. courts and was looking into a court injunction to delay the closure next month.

Jewish groups sealed the State Department compromise with Congress on Monday at a meeting of 25 organizations at the offices of the Conference of Jewish Presidents in New York with the groups pledging to support the arrangement and not to press forward with legislative efforts.

In Israel, officials also welcomed the closure.

"We have stated many times that we see the PLO as a terrorist organization which has no place having official representations in civilized countries," an official said.

In East Jerusalem, Radwan Abu Ayash, President of the Association of Arab Journalists in the West Bank, called on Washington to reconsider the move.

Arafat rejects Sarid's feelers

By MENACHEM SHALEV
Post Political Reporter

MK Yossi Sarid (Citizens Rights Movement) revealed yesterday that PLO chairman Yasser Arafat had several times rejected his feelers for a meeting which would culminate in a joint statement on mutual recognition and cessation of hostilities between the PLO and Israel.

Speaking in Kfar Kassem, Sarid said that he had let Arafat know that he would be willing to meet him on condition that such a statement be

signed at the end of their meeting. Arafat had agreed to meet him, Sarid said, "but as usual a curtain of denials, differing versions and, mutual accusations descended" on the contacts and they had fallen through.

The two conditions cited by Sarid for the meeting were among the three included in Arafat's purported message to the prime minister and foreign minister brought from Geneva by MK Charlie Biton (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality) last week.

LEBANON

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forcements. Tanks were also brought in.

According to reports from Lebanon, Israeli artillery pounded the area throughout the battle and helped illuminate the site. Lebanese sources said that more than 1,000 flares were used.

Peled said that senior commanders were in radio contact with the soldiers but that it was impossible to send in additional helicopters because of the heavy fire. In that terrain, it would have taken four hours to send in ground reinforcements, he said. In fact, the battalion commander, reinforcements and doctors arrived on the scene only two-and-a-half hours after the battle began.

It was not clear when the enemy retreated. Peled said he believed it was after the arrival of reinforcements at around midnight.

The enemy left behind a wounded soldier, weapons, a Lan rocket, food and leaflets stating that they were planning to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the NLF by "destroying Zionism."

According to foreign reports, shots could be heard as late as 3 a.m. Hundreds of Israeli troops resumed searches in the area at dawn yesterday morning.

Younger Peres fired, still agrees with dad

Jerusalem Post Staff
Nehemia Peres is in full agreement with his father, Foreign Minister Peres, that the Lavi project should have been stopped.

"He agrees that this was the right decision," the elder Peres said on

Israel TV's Moked programme last night.

Nehemia, a former Air Force officer, has just lost his job at Israel Aircraft Industries as a result of the cabinet's decision to end the Lavi project.

Moonman quits Bipac board

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. -- Eric Moonman, the former MP and senior vice president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, has resigned from the board of the Britain-Israel Public Affairs Committee (Bipac), it was announced yesterday.

In a statement issued by the Bipac board following a five-hour meeting on Tuesday night, it was stressed that "there is no question of dishonesty on the part of Eric Moonman," but that Moonman "failed to disclose that he received some payments in respect of work carried out by him. In the circumstances the board accepted his resignation."

In a statement to *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday, Moonman claimed that "throughout the past few months there has been growing evidence to me of a campaign to discredit me in public life. With the help of many people who have been in touch with me in the past months, I will examine the evidence and assess its accuracy, and if my researches here are proven, I will not hesitate to make the files available to the police."

The Bipac Board meeting was called to discuss the findings of a report, carried out by London chartered accountants Maurice Goleand & Co., into payments made by Bipac to "Alexander Keddie."

Moonman has stated that "Keddie" was a pseudonym adopted for the editor of the Bipac-published *ECC Monitor*, a monthly digest of European and EEC affairs. According to statements issued in the past by Moonman, the monies due to "Keddie" were paid into an account in

"Keddie's" name, and "from this account, I paid either myself or those contributing information or work to the magazine during the month. In some months, I did all the work myself, in which case I kept the 150 pounds."

"In other months, I did little of the work, in which case I distributed it all. I gave an undertaking to my helpers that I would not reveal their identities."

It is understood that Moonman was not present throughout Tuesday night's meeting, but that he was invited in by the board to make a statement.

In his statement to *The Post* yesterday, Moonman said that he would have preferred "an independent inquiry to review all papers and evidence, and to consider the seriousness of the allegations made by the accountants [Goleand & Co.]."

He accused unit *Sumay* a proposal had been "put formally to Mr. [Monty] Sumay -- who made the allegations," and that Sumay "had refused to accept it. The public will make their own judgement of that."

Sumay told *The Post* last night that "the Goleand investigation was an independent inquiry. Goleand & Co. were instructed by myself and Bipac's own representative Michael Phillips. The report was completely objective and unbiased, and it is therefore unnecessary to conduct another independent inquiry of the type suggested by Mr. Moonman."

Moonman, in his statement, added that he had "nothing to fear" from such an investigation, since there was "no question here of dishonesty on my part. My resignation," he added, "may assist in avoiding further harm to Bipac."



Yossie and David Hackmey, former directors of Phoenix Assurance Co., appear in court in Tel Aviv yesterday. (Hanoach Guttmann)

Court sets \$10m. bail in probe of Hackmeys

TEL AVIV (Itim). -- Phoenix Assurance Co. executives Yossie and David Hackmey were released on NIS 10 million bail and ordered not to leave the country yesterday by a Tel Aviv District Court judge.

The two were arrested Tuesday on suspicion of embezzlement, forging documents and breach of trust in connection with the now defunct FIT brokerage firm. They were brought that evening to the home of a Tel Aviv District Court judge, where authorities hoped to get an order remanding them to arrest. Instead, the parties agreed in principle to setting high bail and to reappear in court yesterday morning to set the terms.

Yesterday's action marked the second investigation against Hackmey's in connection with FIT, in which they held a controlling stake until January 1986, three months before the firm went under. In addition, the brokerage's receivers brought a \$20 million suit against the Hackmeys.

Yossie Hackmey, 42, Phoenix's

managing director, and his father, David, 68, were the subject of a months-long investigation concerning allegations of fraud in their dealings with the brokerage firm, which closed after its two partners fled the country without accounting for millions of dollars in clients' funds. A few days ago most of the restrictions against the two were lifted when they appealed to the Supreme Court.

On Tuesday, however, the Hackmeys were called in again by the income tax authorities and the police fraud squad for a re-investigation of their offences.

In court yesterday, the Income Tax Authorities' attorney claimed that the Hackmeys together with the two FIT partners, Yori Salant and Hagai Blüch, registered retroactively, or at least knew of the belated registration, in their personal accounts of shares bought by FIT for its clients. They alleged scheme earned millions of dollars for those involved, the attorney claimed.

Navon again threatens to resign over budget

By BERNARD JOSEPHS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Education Minister Yitzhak Navon last night appeared to be gearing up for a battle royal over education spending, warning for the second time this month that he would quit if his ministry's budget were cut.

His first warning came at a recent cabinet meeting when he told ministers he would not accept responsibility for the nation's schools in the face of more reductions. Yesterday he told a forum of mayors from Galilee: "I will not agree to the reduction of the education budget by even a single shekel."

In addition, Navon revealed that he had ordered his ministry's financial department to prepare a demand for more money which he would present to the government.

The minister is known to be deeply worried about the effects of the repeated slashing of the education budget on the whole system -- from kindergartens to universities.

On Monday he told the Committee of University Heads that his ministry was prepared to support their institutions to the tune of \$6 million in a bid to stop them from going ahead with plans to charge students a tuition fee of NIS 3,000. "Earlier, the government had offered us only \$4m," said a spokeswoman for the university chiefs.

Ministry sources said yesterday that Navon was in a "fighting" mood. "He fears that if more is cut we will wind up with an entire generation of illiterates," said an official.

In the past eight years the number of hours spent in the classroom by junior high school students has fallen by just over 20 per cent, and study hours in elementary schools have been cut by just over 9 per cent. This is all due to repeated cuts in the budget, say Education Ministry officials.

Buyers of imported pacifiers warned

Health Ministry investigators have discovered a chemical suspected of causing cancer in some imported pacifiers and bottle teats. Officials yesterday warned people not to

buy such products from kiosks or other "unrecognized" sources.

The chemical, nitrosamines, was found in 15 out of 21 imported teats and pacifiers tested by the ministry's Institute for Pharmaceutical Standards and Control.

The ministry would not disclose the names of the products.

We announce with deep shock and sorrow the passing of

Segen Alex Singer

who fell in the line of duty in Lebanon.

Shiva will be observed at 1 Barak Street, Jerusalem.

For details on funeral arrangements, call Kibbutz Ein Tzurim, 08-588222 or 08-588200.

In deep sorrow, we announce the passing of a very dear person

AHARON KOGAN

son of Reb Shimon

distinguished citizen of Ramat Gan

a man of manifold activities.

The funeral will leave today, Thursday, September 17, 1987 (23 Elul 5747) at 9 a.m. from the home of the deceased, 25 Rehov Hazetim, Ramat Gan, and will pass by "Beit David" in the Ramat-Hazikma Quarter, on the way to Herzliya cemetery.

A bus will be available for those wishing to attend.

In deepest sorrow:
Esther and David Neeman and Family

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of our beloved

NILS (Nathan) BRANDT

For details of the funeral, please call

Tel. 04-715049, 04-702698.

The Family

Demjanjuk trial resumes October 26

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Demjanjuk trial, which was interrupted when Judge Zvi Tal had a heart attack, will resume on Monday October 26, eight days after the end of the Succot holiday. This was decided yesterday at a meeting between Court President Dov Levin and lawyers Yoram Sheftel, for the defence, and Michael Horowitz, for the prosecution.

In consideration of Tal's health, sessions will be held in the morning only, with the afternoon sessions cancelled for the time being.

In the meantime, representatives of the defence and prosecution will go to Germany to take the testimony of two defence witnesses -- Ru-

dolf Reiss, in Hamburg, and Rudolf Ritter, in Mannheim. Both were SS men in the administration of the Trawniki camp.

It has also been learned that defence lawyers John Gill and Paul Chumak will return this week from Poland, where they have been questioning witnesses. Sheftel is scheduled to go to the U.S. to locate survivor eye-witnesses.

When the trial reopens the defence will call British documents expert Julius Grant, who was here to examine the Trawniki ID card earlier this month. Other defence witnesses will include historian Nicolai Tolstoy, two psychologists, an Israeli expert on the KGB and a German historian.

Kharg Island oil terminal and Iranian ship attacked

Iraqi strikes put paid to truce

BAGHDAD (Reuters) - A fragile Gulf war truce crumbled yesterday when the Iraqi air force raided Iran's main oil terminal at Kharg Island and attacked an Iranian ship in the northern Gulf.

The attack came after Baghdad reported Iranian gunners started shelling the southern Iraqi port city of Basra, just a few hours after UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar left for home on Tuesday at the end of his four-day peace mission. (The Iranian news agency Aina, received in London, quoted a Tehran military spokesman as denying that Iran shelled Basra.) An Iraqi High Command communiqué also said its planes raided two oil fields in southwestern Iran.

"Everyone was afraid Perez de Cuellar would return to New York empty-handed and the war would start up again soon after he left the Middle East," said one western diplomat. "and now it has happened."

The communiqué said aircraft

raided Kharg's main loading jetty and later attacked a "large naval target." Baghdad's normal term for an oil tanker or merchant ship.

Iran in turn announced a new series of manoeuvres would start today in the Gulf of Oman, just outside the Strait of Hormuz.

The Iraqi attacks broke a six-day lull in Baghdad's strikes against Iran's oil lifeline which had been in force during the secretary general's visit to Tehran and Baghdad. "With these heroic acts we are stressing our right to impose the will of peace on which the Iranian regime closed all the doors," said the communiqué.

Earlier yesterday, an Iraqi military spokesman accused Iran of shelling Basra and warned the Iraqi Air Force would level entire Iranian cities if the bombardment did not stop.

The secretary general tried to get Iran to accept a July 20 Security Council ceasefire resolution, but

diplomats said his efforts were blocked by Tehran's insistence that Baghdad be branded the aggressor in the war. Iraq has said it will accept the resolution only if Tehran does the same and will not tolerate any attempt to modify it.

Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz urged the secretary general to press for an arms embargo against Tehran for failing to accept the resolution.

If it becomes clear that Iran has not yielded in its central demand to brand Iraq the aggressor, the U.S. is expected to push for an embargo.

But diplomats fear this could lead to lengthy negotiations and split the Security Council.

Meanwhile, diplomats said, Iraq was expected to continue strikes against Iranian oil facilities, both on land and offshore, in a bid to cut hard currency earnings needed to finance the war.

At the UN, Perez de Cuellar said yesterday on his return from the

Middle East, that both sides in the Gulf war were flexing their muscles.

In advance of his report to the Security Council, called into private session within hours of his return to New York, a Western delegate said the outlook for peace was gloomy.

Perez de Cuellar declined throughout his tour to give details of his talks and he was no more forthcoming on his return to the UN, saying only that he learned what the two sides "had at the back of their minds." Asked if he were optimistic, he said he did not like that word.

Diplomats said Perez de Cuellar decided to save time by addressing members of the Security Council in person rather than presenting a written account, which would have taken a day or two to prepare.

They said they expected he would have a separate meeting today with the five permanent members of the Security Council - the U.S., the Soviet Union, France, Britain and China. Each has the power of veto.

FOREIGN BRIEFS

PLO discusses idea of M.E. peace parley

BAGHDAD (AFP) - The Palestine Liberation Organization has opened an executive committee meeting here under the chairmanship of Yasser Arafat to discuss prospects for holding an international conference on the Middle East. The meeting, which started on Tuesday evening, was expected to last two days.

The speaker of the Palestine National Council, or parliament-in-exile, Abdel Hamid al-Sayeh, was present. Informed sources said the talks will also examine the outcome of the special Palestine conference in Geneva last week and the recent agreement between Lebanon's Shi'ite Amal militia and Palestinian groups.

France helping Soviets find two missing airmen

PARIS (Reuters) - France is helping the Soviet Union in a search for two Soviet military advisers reported missing after Chadian troops raided Southern Libya, the Foreign Ministry said yesterday.

A ministry spokesman said the Russians had been stationed at a Libyan airbase destroyed by French-supplied Chadian forces in a lightning cross-border raid on September 5.

The Soviet Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday that two military specialists were missing in Libya but gave no further details.

Bomb in truck kills 7 in Pakistan border town

ISLAMABAD (AFP) - At least seven people were killed and dozens injured by a powerful car bomb which ripped through a densely populated area of the Pakistani border town of Peshawar yesterday official sources said.

The sources said the bomb was placed in a pick-up truck parked near a power pylon on Peshawar's main Warsaw Road.

Fundamentalists get ban on liquor in Assut

ASSUT (Reuters) - The Egyptian municipal authorities announced yesterday that alcohol would be banned in Assut, the stronghold of Moslem fundamentalists, except for two hotels where it will be available.

The decision followed unrest last week when fundamentalists set ablaze a liquor store and occupied a mosque in the city, 380 km. south of Cairo. The police then fired tear gas to disperse the crowds and arrested 25 people.



Philippine President Corazon Aquino photographed last January with Salvador Laurel, her vice president, who yesterday resigned his foreign affairs portfolio over differences with her administration (AFP)

Laurel resigns as foreign affairs secretary

Aquino reshapes her cabinet

MANILA (AFP) - Philippine President Corazon Aquino revamped her government yesterday after Vice President Salvador Laurel left the cabinet in the wake of last month's bloody coup attempt.

Aquino announced the names of three new cabinet members in a nationwide television address after Laurel tendered his irrevocable resignation as foreign affairs secretary, while remaining vice president, due to "basic differences" with the president.

In her address, Aquino defended her policy of fighting the Communist insurgency with military means as well as socio-economic development. Laurel said he was for a tougher drive against the insurgents.

She said she also accepted the resignation of Finance Secretary Jaime Ongpin and named as his replacement banker Vicente Jayme, who held the public works post until the entire cabinet tendered their resignations last week. Laurel's undersecretary, Manuel Yan, a former general, was named acting foreign affairs secretary.

Laurel and Ongpin are among the most senior members of the cabinet, whose resignation was sought by Aquino to resolve the political crisis sparked by the August 28 coup attempt led by junior military officers. "Further resignations will be announced shortly," Aquino said after announcing changes in two sub-cabinet positions - customs commissioner and immigration commissioner.

Ongpin, a long-time Aquino backer, had been widely criticized

for his handling of negotiations with foreign creditors on the rescheduling of the country's \$28 billion foreign debt.

All cabinet appointments are subject to confirmation by the Commission on Appointments, made up of members of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Meanwhile, a survey in the Philippines revealed that almost half the soldiers in that country believe a military coup is fair action to save a country threatened by communist rebellion and a third believe the military can use force to overthrow an inept government. Months before the fourth and bloodiest coup attempt against President Aquino, 34 per cent thought a military takeover was possible while 28 per cent thought it was unlikely, the survey said.

Political science professor and analyst Felipe Miranda said his survey was conducted on 400 officers and servicemen in April and May, three months before the coup attempt led by right-wing junior officers on August 28. Forty three per cent thought the military "may take over" to prevent communists overthrowing the government, the survey said.

The results were announced at a forum of the influential bishops-businessmen's conference here yesterday. Thirty four per cent said that if the government could not perform its duties properly, any group in the military could unseat it "using force," while 33 per cent said a coup attempt in such circumstances would be wrong.

3 ministers resign posts after defeat in Argentine poll

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters) - Argentina's interior, labour and education ministers resigned on Tuesday in a cabinet upheaval following the ruling Radical Party's defeat in national elections 10 days ago.

In a brief letter of resignation to President Raul Alfonsín, Interior Minister Antonio Troccoli, regarded as the second most powerful man in the country, said he "could not in any way evade" the election setbacks.

In the elections, Alfonsín's Radicals lost their absolute majority in the lower house of congress and all but two of 22 provincial governorships.

Labour Minister Carlos Alderete announced he was quitting over disagreements with economic policies, which he said put an unfair burden on workers. Education and Justice Minister Julio Rajneri said through a spokesman that he too had resigned, though he gave no reasons.

Troccoli will be replaced by Enrique Nosiglia, leader of the Radical Party committee in the capital and a member of Alfonsín's inner circle of advisers, Interior Ministry spokesman Efraim Dorrego said.

Official sources have said at least two more ministers, Public Works Minister Pedro Trucco and Health Minister Conrado Storani, also may resign.

The sources said Troccoli and the rest of Alfonsín's closest advisers badly miscalculated frustration over the country's worsening economic state before the polls on September 6. Inflation has topped 100 per cent and independent studies show that real wages have fallen sharply since the beginning of the year.

The mainly working-class Peronist Party, backed by the powerful trade unions, made major gains in the elections.

Troccoli was often criticized by Peronist leaders for making little headway in investigations into periodic spates of bombings that have plagued Argentina since 1985. Troccoli blamed the bombings on rightist para-military squads left over from the past military regime, when political murders and kidnappings were daily occurrences. He announced a 90-day state of siege in October 1985 during a rash of such bombings in the weeks before national congressional elections.



Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze (centre) cruises on the Potomac yesterday with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz aboard a U.S. Navy yacht (AFP)

Moment of silence to honour 'victims of racism'

Parliamentarians protest Le Pen remark

STRASBOURG, France (AP) - The European Parliament opened yesterday's session with a minute of silence in protest against a remark by an extreme right-wing member that the Nazi gas chambers were a "minor detail" of World War II history.

The statement made by Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of French hard-right National Front Party, has caused "deep offence and concern," said Lord Henry Plumb, the British

president of the EEC legislature. Le Pen's remark, made during a radio interview on Sunday, has angered French deputies of all political colours who demanded his expulsion from the 518-member Parliament.

Plumb said the Parliament's leadership decided to respond with a minute of silence "as a token of respect for all the victims of racism." He made no reference to the demand for Le Pen's ouster.

Le Pen, a former paratrooper, has already announced his candidacy in next May's presidential elections in France. His National Front Party won 10 seats in the EEC assembly and over 10 per cent of the vote in the 1986 French parliamentary elections.

Plumb strongly condemned Le Pen in a meeting yesterday in Strasbourg with visiting Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon.

Gunmen slay senior Tamil official

COLOMBO (AP) - Gunmen killed a senior Tamil government official in eastern Batticaloa district, the second slaying of a government worker in two weeks, a military official said yesterday.

A. Wignarajah, deputy chief administrative officer of Samanthurai, was shot dead. The official said some people blamed Wignarajah's killing on Tamil rebels.

Others say the attackers were Moslems avenging the death of Habib Mohammed, a Moslem govern-

ment worker. His slaying on September 3 in nearby Muttur town was blamed on Tamils.

Meanwhile, fighting among rival Tamil rebel groups continued yesterday with arson and attacks reported in Batticaloa.

A group belonging to the People's Liberation Organization attacked the office of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam and set fire to furniture and typewriters, the official said.

The Liberation Tigers, the most

powerful Tamil rebel group, was blamed for killing 100 rivals from People's Liberation and Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front over the weekend in eastern Sri Lanka.

The official death toll is 68, but police say that some bodies may have been burned or buried.

The factional feuding began after members of three smaller militias combined into a group called the "Three Stars" to attack the dominant Tigers.

East German chosen president of UN General Assembly

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - East German Deputy Foreign Minister Peter Florin, who fought alongside Soviet partisans in World War II, was elected president of the General Assembly at its opening meeting on Tuesday.

Florin, 65, whose family fled to France and then the Soviet Union when Hitler came to power in 1933, addressed the assembly in Russian, one of the UN's six official languages. He was a student in Moscow when Germany invaded the Soviet Union in 1941 and fought with partisans in Byelorussia.

"To reduce the nuclear threat to mankind is no longer a utopian dream," he said. "There is now a chance of starting on nuclear disarmament through an agreement on the elimination of the United States and Soviet medium-range missiles."

Florin was speaking as U.S. Sec-

retary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze met in Washington in talks aimed at clearing remaining obstacles to a treaty eliminating intermediate-range nuclear weapons.

In his speech, he also took a swipe at President Ronald Reagan's "Star Wars" space-based missile defence system. "The arms race on earth needs to be halted and reversed... Is it logical, then, to take the arms race to outer space?" he said.

In this session, the General Assembly and its seven main committees will plough through an agenda of more than 140 items touching on most of the world's trouble spots.

Chairmen of assembly committees were elected following Florin's speech. They included a Libyan diplomat whose candidacy to head the legal committee, which deals among other things with the problem of

terrorism, was criticized by the U.S. last July as inappropriate.

But the nominees to fill all seven chairmanships were approved by acclamation and the U.S. raised no objection.

They are: First (main political) Committee - Ambassador Bagbeni Adeito Nzengeya, Zaire's permanent representative; Special Political Committee - Ambassador Hamad Abdelaziz al-Kawari, Qatar's permanent representative; Second (economic and financial) Committee - Ambassador Guennadi Oudovko, the Ukraine's permanent representative; Third (social, humanitarian and cultural) Committee - Ambassador Jorge Eduardo Ritter, Panama's permanent representative; Fourth (decolonization) Committee - Ambassador Constantine Moushoutas, the permanent representative of Cyprus; Fifth (ad-

ministrative and Budgetary) Committee - Henrik Amneus, a minister in Sweden's UN Mission; and Sixth (legal) Committee - Rajab A. Azarouk, minister and deputy permanent representative in Libya's UN mission.

The 21 countries elected mainly on a regional basis to serve as vice presidents of the assembly are: Botswana, Cameroon, China, Comoros, France, Jordan, Mauritania, Mongolia, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Portugal, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Syria, Togo, Tunisia, USSR, the UK and the U.S.

Also named was a nine-nation committee to examine the credentials of assembly delegates. Its members: Argentina, Barbados, Cape Verde, China, West Germany, Kenya, Singapore, the Soviet Union and the U.S.

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Mks take wrong turn with accident tax

Playing off the public's hysteria over the carnage on the roads of the past weeks, the Transport Ministry succeeded in getting a resolution through the Knesset Finance Committee imposing an additional two percentage points on the compulsory third-party car insurance car owners must pay.

The ministry had pushed for such an increase for some years, but the Treasury had succeeded in blocking it. Now, with pictures of dead bodies and twisted steel spread across the front pages of the newspapers, the MKs responded in the most natural way in the face of the nationwide panic.

The Treasury in its efforts to reduce any and all budgetary expenditures hasn't allocated enough to the road infrastructure and thus indirectly caused the latest death toll on our bloodied roads. Still, boosting the compulsory insurance rates 26

per cent instead of 24 per cent as originally planned, and devoting the extra two points to an accident-prevention fund, isn't the way to fight road accidents.

We have had bad experience with marked money raised for special projects. The notorious example is the National Insurance Institute. In the past, for instance, when the government has sought to avoid the unpleasant task of raising direct taxes, it has turned to the NII as a source of hidden income tax. That wasn't really a tax, the government claimed each time it increased the burden on employers and employees through the NII. Or, it would insist, it was only seeking money for a specific purpose, such as when it raised the contribution for purchasing gas masks, "free education" in elementary schools and *mas makbil* to help the kaput holim. The burden became so high that it eventually

forced companies and individuals to cheat, go bankrupt or to wait for better days. Only in the past year have the authorities realized that it was a mistake to increase the burden in whatever form because it harmed our economy.

The government should collect its taxes through regular channels, mainly the income and value-added taxes and reallocate these revenues by its preferences. The fact that the government raises about NIS 2.2 billion in revenue through levies on the motorizing system doesn't mean that it should spend a corresponding sum of money on auto transport. The tax on petrol can be justified on the ground that it is an easy way to impose a levy. Even people who routinely evade taxes can't dodge them at the pump, for instance, and a tax on petrol prevents overuse of a relatively scarce resource. In either case, however, it has nothing to do

with how much the government spends on roads.

Those who aren't yet convinced might find the following a useful way for each ministry to raise money for its needs.

Since most Israelis need the permission of the Defence Ministry to leave Israel, even for a short period, the minister could impose, let us say, a \$1,000 levy for the needed documents. The minister could then fund all the alternatives the IDF needs. The minister of religious affairs could impose a \$500 fee for each "marriage certificate" using the money to build more mikves. The minister of education could impose a \$2,000 levy on pupils who passed the bagrut exam and want the certificate. The money could be used to prepare more Olympic athletes. Thus, each minister would be happy with his fieldwork.

Would we be happy?

NATIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Inflation

August Consumer Price Index (base: 1985=100)
August Inflation Rate
June-August Rate (in annual terms)
Twelve months to August
Price index for inputs in residential building (base: October 1983=100)
August change in index
Wholesale price index (base: 1977=1)
July change in index

	1987	1986
August Consumer Price Index	179.6	149.7
August Inflation Rate	↑ 1.2%	↑ 1.1%
June-August Rate	↑ 9.2%	↑ 10.9%
Twelve months to August	↑ 20.0%	↑ 20.5%
Price index for inputs in residential building	254.6	197.6
August change in index	↑ 1.3%	↑ 1.0%
Wholesale price index	252.9	212.2
July change in index	↑ 1.4%	↑ 1.0%

Exchange Rates

Rate of shekel to dollar (as of September 16)
Rate of shekel to basket (as of September 16)

Rate of shekel to dollar	1.5970	1.4869
Rate of shekel to basket	1.6776	1.4928

Unemployment

Number of jobless (seasonally adjusted)
Unemployment (as percent of labour force)

	April-June	Jan-March
Number of jobless	87,000	84,000
Unemployment	5.9%	5.7%

Government Finance

Monetary injection (+) absorption (-)
July
Since beginning of fiscal year

July	-NIS 146m.
Since beginning of fiscal year	-NIS 618m.



Foreign Trade & Finance

Trade deficit August
Merchandise exports
Merchandise imports
Since beginning of year
Trade deficit
Merchandise exports
Merchandise imports
Foreign currency reserves (end of August)

	1987	1986	Change
Trade deficit August	\$345.9m.	\$233.0m.	48.5%
Merchandise exports	\$658.2m.	\$448.4m.	24.5%
Merchandise imports	\$904.1m.	\$681.4m.	32.7%
Trade deficit	\$245.9m.	\$233.0m.	44.4%
Merchandise exports	\$522.5m.	\$448.4m.	17.5%
Merchandise imports	\$768.0m.	\$681.4m.	24.2%
Foreign currency reserves	\$456.1b.	\$3,080b.	48.1%

THE TAX BURDEN/Jeff Broide

Renting and saving

Owners of homes rented out for residential purposes may choose between being taxed on the net income they earned from rental, after due allowance for tax deductions, or at 10 per cent of the gross rental income they have received. In the wake of recent tax legislation, the prudent taxpayer should evaluate the two methods with the utmost care.

Under the regular "net income" approach, a "real" (and not nominal) depreciation allowance is permitted, calculated at 3 per cent of the value of the apartment or house. The value is determined by different methods depending on the dates and circumstances of acquisition. The value is adjusted each year for inflation by half the increase in the building price index during the year, plus the full change in the index between the purchase date and the beginning of the tax year under review.

Senior citizens living in old-age homes are exempt from tax on rental income from the homes they lived in prior to their moving to their old-age home.

Depreciation is deductible if the property has been leased for at least 10 months during the tax year. If the period is shorter, the amount allowed is reduced proportionately. It should be noted that the amount of this deduction will be added back, for capital gains tax purposes, on the sale of the apartment. There does seem to be some divergence of opinion between the tax authorities and certain experts as to whether any unused portion of this deduction may be carried forward to subsequent years or not.

Interest paid on the mortgage or any other loans used to finance the apartment or home is also deductible, as are such items as exchange rate differences or changes in the Consumer Price Index on such loans. Loan or mortgage repayments are of a capital nature and therefore not deductible. Municipal taxes are deductible, as are maintenance expenses, provided they conform to the principles of repair and regular wear and tear.

Under recent legislation—effective as of January 1—the taxpayer is exempted from reporting on rental income if the fixed tax of 10 per cent of the rental income is paid to the tax authorities on a regular basis, that is within 30 days of receipt (for the January-July period by September 5). This option applies only to monthly rental income not exceeding NIS 1,000 per taxpayer, regardless of the number of apartments or homes owned.

Taxpayers who elect this system and were liable to file annual income tax returns merely because they earned income from residential dwellings are exempt from filing annual returns in the future. Where the taxpayer, self-employed or otherwise, is liable to monthly provisional tax payments (*mikdamot*) then he or she does not have to pay this 10 per cent tax within 30 days of receipt.

It is important to note that under the new 10 per cent option, the taxpayer may not claim the 3 per cent depreciation allowance indicated above, deduct the different expenses incurred, nor enjoy the personal tax deductions and credits.

It is clear that in certain instances the 10 per cent option may be an inferior one, particularly in cases where the depreciation and other deductions significantly reduce the tax liability. Therefore, it is imperative that the alternatives are properly considered after translating them into actual figures.

For certain property owners, the exemption from the obligation to submit an annual tax return may be an overriding consideration. However, the second option is available only to individuals and not to companies or other entities. In addition, the new regulations ("10 per cent") apply only to income from residential dwellings—apartments rented out as offices may not enjoy the provisions of the 10 per cent.

It is interesting (and strange!) to note that if the monthly rental income exceeds NIS 1,000 in any month, then the entire 10 per cent provision is no longer available to the taxpayer. (Surely, the legislator should have made this annual.)

An important factor to consider is related to the tax status of the dwelling for sale. If the sale is liable to tax under the Land Appreciation Tax Law, then the tax will be calculated as if depreciation has been deducted throughout the period even though not actually deducted under the 10 per cent option. Such a sale will be exempt from the Land Appreciation Tax, such as when only one home is owned by the taxpayer, or not more than one sale is made in a four-year period.

Senior citizens living in old-age homes are exempt from tax on rental income from the homes they lived in prior to their moving to their old-age home, but the amount may not exceed 50 per cent of the amount paid for living and maintenance to the particular home. The balance may enjoy the 10 per cent option.

Taxpayers are advised to "look before leaping!" The writer is a Certified Public Accountant (Israel). Questions may be addressed to him c/o The Jerusalem Post.

Sharon: EC-Israel trade must increase

By JEFF BLACK

For The Jerusalem Post
Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon yesterday called on the head of the European Parliament to increase the European Community trade ties with Israel.

In a meeting in Strasbourg with the president of the European Parliament, Sir Henry Plumb, Sharon noted that Israel's exports to the EC had risen in the first six months of this year 19 per cent, reaching \$1.37 billion.

Opec said to cut August output

LONDON (Reuters). — The Opec oil cartel, scared by a drop in prices, has cut production this month by between 6 and 9 per cent from August, market experts said yesterday. They said there had been a move to stricter adherence to cartel-mandated output quotas, but the drop in output might only be temporary. August output shot up as Gulf tensions sent prices higher, tempting some members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to overshoot quotas. Refiners rushed to increase emergency stocks in case supplies were disrupted. But

no disruption occurred, which left the stocks unsold, pressuring prices. Industry analysts assessed August Opec output at up to 19.6 million barrels daily, against a cartel-projected ceiling of 16.6 million. September levels could be down at 18 million to 18.5 million, market experts said. But stocks of oil in the 24 industrial nations of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development are thought to have risen as much as 2.5 million barrels daily in August, taking them to comfortable levels.

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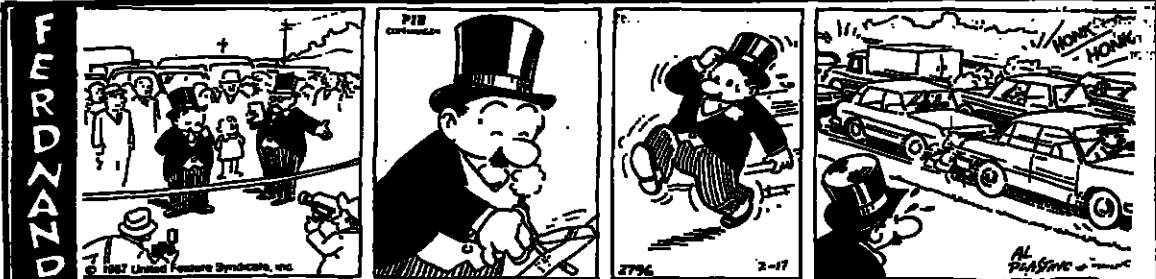
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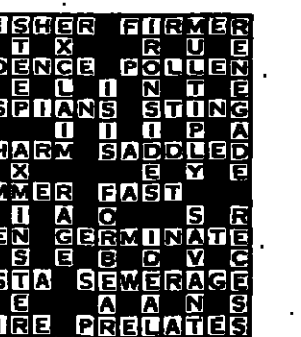
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 - In films they may be seen in close-up (7)
 - Scottish boy about five who acquired a terrible reputation (4)
 - Army liner or its wartime enemy? (1-4)
 - A chamber that can't be used unless it's heated (4)
 - Very easily moved? (14)
 - A waterway shared between England and Wales (7,7)
 - In common parlance the can from which Banquo drank? (4)
 - Ruin the railway, indeed! (5)
 - Catch sight of a bluish, maybe (4)
 - Miss Duncan as reflected in radio broadcast (7)
 - Severe cut in the monastic establishment (7)
 - Grotesque statue I'd located (8)
 - Prussian statesman regarded as a mug by his compatriots! (5)
 - Steps placed outside an upper window (8)
 - Indoor light for a tanner? (3-4)
 - A vessel that has been taken out of the water (4)
 - Aid to fall back on when the situation is lost? (8,8)
- DOWN**
- They can't fly me up to the home of the brave (4)
 - Where in Israel a man's man gets up about six (3,4)
 - A girl superstar ringing the Salvation Army (5)
 - In need of 5, as sleeping-partners are? (6,2,5)
 - A crowd of newspapermen (5)
 - A sailor turning up a collection of maps (5)
 - A drab bird after a thin strip of wood (8)
 - Measure designed to curb mob rule (4,3)
 - The main god the Romans worshipped (7)
 - Doesn't stay on level terms? (5)
 - Artist about to turn in a list of duties (4)
 - 26 Steps giving tips? (4)



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Court, 4 Afloat, 9 Fiddler, 10 Tenor, 11 Earl, 12 Prairie, 13 See, 14 Pret, 16 Gale, 18 Try, 20 Absolve, 21 Item, 24 Opera, 25 Speaker, 26 Rotate, 27 Style.

DOWN: 1 Coffee, 2 Under, 3 Tell, 4 Lethargy, 6 General, 7 Target, 8 Grope, 13 Stalwart, 15 Respect, 17 Labour, 18 Terme, 19 Emerge, 22 Tokyo, 23 Mess.

QUICK CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Grab
 - Headlands
 - Reigning
 - Pansy
 - Piece of brick-brac
 - Effective
 - Second-hand
 - Playfully irritate
 - Finished
 - Solitary
 - Double
 - Serious
 - Dim
 - Down wind
 - Intended
 - Guide
- DOWN**
- Kern
 - Ardent
 - Smith's block
 - Arousing fertility
 - Fluency
 - Condition
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Bank of Israel survey concludes

Cut inflation or risk stability

By AVI TEMKIN

Signs of economic growth and structural changes in the economy have been evident in the last months, it emerges from a survey of economic developments released yesterday by the Bank of Israel. Employment in the business sector has expanded, together with a marked increase in exports and investments.

But the survey warns that if the inflation in Israel is not brought down soon to European levels economic stability could be in danger. The survey blames the rise in wages in recent months and the hike in the prices of government-supplied

goods and services to the fact that the inflation has not gone down to single-digit figures. Finance Minister Moshe Nissim has already dismissed the bank's plans for a further reduction in inflation, because he believes the time is not ripe for such plan.

The survey does not mention interest rates as a potential source of cost-push pressure on prices. From the survey figures it emerges that the debtors interest rate on effective credit lines for business stood during August at 3.6 per cent a month, equal to some 53 per cent a year, and the penalty rate at 4.7 per cent a month, or 73 per cent a year.

According to Akiva Offenbacher and Yael Arstein of the Bank of Israel Research Department, the pace of economic activity was slower in the second quarter of the year than in the previous three months, which were marked by brisk expansion and a rapid drop in unemployment. Nevertheless the signs of structural changes were evident in the last months.

Offenbacher said the growth had not been uniform throughout the economy. Some sectors were booming, while others were experiencing difficult times. Workers are going out of the troubled sectors, including the public sector, but it is taking

them time to join growing industries.

Arstein and Offenbacher said real wages went up in the second quarter of the year, after dipping in the previous three months. They warned that a continued rise in real wages could damage the prospects of rapid economic growth.

The survey called for a continuation of the reforms initiated by the Treasury, such as the privatization drive and tax reform. It also called for a continued fiscal and wage restraint. It said no across-the-board wage increments should be granted since the economy cannot pay for them.

Workers put Danish into receivership

By PINHAS LANDAU

The Tel Aviv District Court yesterday appointed a liquidator for Danish Interiors, at the request of the company's 150-strong workforce.

The move ended any hope of the company's continued existence as a going concern. Danish owes an estimated \$4 million-\$5 million, of which some \$1.3m. is due to banks, notably Bank Leumi. The banks have refrained from seeking a court-appointed receiver or liquidator while they sought alternative solutions.

The Danish employees said they forced the issue because they were afraid their claims would be left unrealized unless the firm's assets were realized. From the legal standpoint, in the event of liquidation, a firm's employees have first call on its assets.

Pilots vow no strikes during the holidays

By JONATHAN KARP

For The Jerusalem Post
TEL AVIV - El Al's pilots yesterday promised that they would not disrupt flights over the busy High Holiday period despite their latest disagreements with management.

During the last two weeks, two senior Boeing 747 captains have left administrative positions within the airline - one resigning, the other fired - because they objected to the airline's policy of using five pilots instead of six on nighttime, nonstop transatlantic flights.

Yehuda Fuchs, who resigned from his post as chief 747 pilot last week, would not comment yesterday, but Yitzhak Gonen, chairman of the Israel Airline Pilots Association, said Fuchs felt a five-man crew could reduce flight safety and did not want to be responsible as chief pilot.

Earlier this week, El Al dismissed Ilan Ron, who had been serving as the 747 fleet manager. Gonen explained that Ron had demanded cancelling in-flight pilot inspections during the long nighttime flights.

In response, El Al spokesman Nahman Klieiman said yesterday: "Ron was removed from his position because he overstepped his authority. He made a decision that was

not his to make." Klieiman added that the in-flight tests, like medical check-ups, were a vital part of measuring pilot fitness and thus insuring flight safety.

Klieiman maintained that two incidents were unrelated, but at the same time explained them both in terms of what he called the pilots' propaganda war after an arbitrator upheld management's policy of using "extended crews," of five pilots, as opposed to "double crews," of six pilots, on the long nighttime flights.

Claiming that other airlines use extended crews on long hauls, Klieiman said that the policy *per se* did not affect flight safety. He praised both Fuchs and Ron as "excellent pilots" and said they would continue flying for El Al.

Gonen said he fully supported the two pilots and that the union would consider appealing Ron's dismissal. But there will be no disruptions to flights "from the pilots' side," he said. "The pilots association wishes everyone a happy and safe new year."

The pilots are to meet tomorrow with their Histadrut negotiators to discuss the next steps in what has been a drawn-out process. Talks broke off last week over the issue of retirement age.

Car thieves strike at German car show

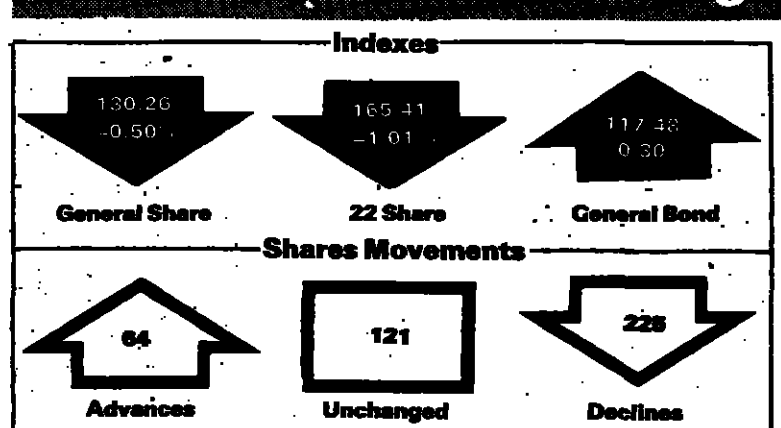
FRANKFURT, West Germany (Reuters) - At least six visitors to the Frankfurt international motor show left on foot - victims of local car thieves.

A police spokesman said yesterday that during the show six luxury

cars were stolen from car parks near the exhibition halls.

The missing cars include a Porsche 911 Turbo worth an estimated \$75,000 and police estimate that total value of the six cars at well over \$220,000.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange



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Bank Leumi	18234	24	-1.3
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Bank Leumi	75330	30	-0.5
Bank Hapoalim	120000	177	+0.6
Mizrahi	48720	471	-
Hapoalim	9720	187	-
Bank Leumi	17820	187	+0.3
Bank Hapoalim	43870	1907	-0.0
Bank Leumi	98270	3	-
Mortgage Banks & Finance			
Bank of Israel	9880	254	-4.3
Bank Leumi	2880	1481	-1.5
Bank Hapoalim	3710	341	-1.1
Bank Leumi	20040	97	-
Bank Hapoalim	6250	37	-2.6
Bank Leumi	1220	59	-0.3
Bank Hapoalim	24201	42	-4.0
Insurance			
Bank of Israel	1123	828	-10.0
Bank Leumi	805	8711	-0.5
Bank Hapoalim	1000	30	-1.2
Bank Leumi	2180	240	-0.2
Bank Hapoalim	810	2510	-
Bank Leumi	1220	277	-
Bank Hapoalim	8110	1	-
Trade & Services			
Bank of Israel	1081	212	-0.5
Bank Leumi	57700	30	-
Bank Hapoalim	13400	824	-1.8
Bank Leumi	832	4760	+2.0
Bank Hapoalim	1290	7808	+0.7
Bank Leumi	1250	212	-0.5
Bank Hapoalim	2710	17	-0.4
Bank Leumi	14000	447	-
Bank Hapoalim	700	1922	-2.8
Real Estate, Building and Agriculture			
Bank of Israel	355	1981	-2.7
Bank Leumi	3590	32	-0.2
Bank Hapoalim	6500	60	-
Bank Leumi	505	2388	+1.4
Bank Hapoalim	5120	894	-0.8
Bank Leumi	22500	182	-0.9
Bank Hapoalim	5850	822	-0.8
Bank Leumi	6530	514	-0.5
Bank Hapoalim	1940	1113	-1.5
Industrials			
Bank of Israel	6250	58	-1.0
Bank Leumi	34800	58	-1.0

Drori: Savings rate up

Post Finance Reporter
The consumer spending boom is not being financed by a rundown of savings, Treasury Capital Markets Commissioner Yehuda Drori told The Jerusalem Post this week.

Overall, the rate of savings in the economy, both in financial and physical assets, is recovering from the slump of 1984-86, according to Treasury and Bank of Israel estimates.

In the area of Drori's purview,

including savings schemes, and provident funds, there has been a turnaround during 1987, and small net inflows have been recorded, after a net outflow of funds for the whole of 1986.

NIS 150 million more deposits were made in savings schemes in January-July 1987 than were withdrawn, and NIS 125m. more in provident funds.

Preliminary figures for August show that the upswing is continuing.

COMPANY RESULTS

Eloco Ltd.
Electronic equipment
Year to March 31, 1987
Revenue NIS 37.81m.
Net income (2.47m.)

Eltan Insurance Co.
Insurance
Year to March 31, 1987
Revenue NIS 120,000
Net income 2.2%

Hamashim Industries Ltd.
Building materials
Year to March 31, 1987
Revenue NIS 24,29m.
Net income (0.65)

Mer-Lez Building, Dev. and Invest.
Home construction
Year to March 31, 1987
Revenue NIS 502,500
Net income 26%

Mechastan Investment Co.
Elevators, imports
Year to March 31, 1987
Revenue NIS 24,29m.
Net income 2.63

Mechastan Company Ltd.
Software, turnkey systems
Year to March 31, 1987
Revenue NIS 3,60m.
Net income (2.20)

MLT Ltd.
Prefabricated buildings
Year to March 31, 1987
Revenue NIS 6,91m.
Net income (2.23)

Urdan Industries Ltd.
Metal working
Year to March 31, 1987
Revenue NIS 29,0m.
Net income (1.5m.)

Rada Electronic Industries Ltd.
Military electronics
Year to March 31, 1987
Revenue \$7.8m.
Net income 230,000

ARMS SALES

(Continued from page one)

opposing the arms sales to the Gulf states and, subsequently, Jordan. Shultz also plans to meet senior Jewish American leaders in the coming weeks in an effort to dissuade them from opposing the arms sales.

Yesterday's decision by the senior policy-makers in effect means that Israel has rejected Shultz's indirect request.

The decision took into account several contradictory considerations, including:

□ The desire to keep out of the hands of enemy states, such as Saudi Arabia and Jordan, new, sophisticated weaponry.

□ The desire not to antagonize the administration.

□ The desire to keep the Pentagon and various American arms manufacturers "sweet" in view of Israeli hopes of obtaining new squadrons of sophisticated U.S. aircraft and various co-production and assembly rights.

□ The desire not to push Jordan into buying Soviet MiG-29s if equivalent American F-16s are denied Amman because of Israeli pressure.

□ A desire not to alienate the administration specifically against the backdrop of the growing, and potentially hazardous, American commitment in the Gulf, where the Saudis and the emirates are aligned with the U.S. in its wish to keep open the waterways and to frustrate an Iranian victory (which is also opposed by Israel).

The administration is still in the "pre-notification" period regarding the arms sales. Once the administration informs Congress of its intention to sell the weapons - specifying types and timetables - Congress will have 50 days in which to voice its agreement or opposition.

Kfar Tavor Local Council

For the Construction and Operation of a Motel and Road Services Centre

Bids are invited for the construction and operation of a motel and road services centre, at Kfar Tavor. The tender documents are available against payment of NIS 1,000 (non-refundable) from the Secretary of Kfar Tavor Local Council, Sunday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Those who wish to participate in the tender should submit a bid in two copies (original and copy, both signed) which should be placed in the tenders box in the local council building, by 12 noon on November 8, 1987. Contractors of appropriate financial means and professional and technical qualifications, and agents of such contractors, registered in accordance with the Registration of Contractors for Civil Engineering Works Law, 1968, in the NIS 3,000,000 and

above category, are eligible to bid. A site visit for bidders will take place on Tuesday, September 29, 1987, leaving at 10.00 a.m. from the Kfar Tavor Local Council building. The successful bidder will be required to develop the area on which this project will be built, and plan and build at his expense a motel and road services centre, and operate these, in accordance with the terms set out in the tender. After the successful bidder signs a development agreement, and fulfils his obligations in accordance with that agreement, the Council will lease him the land and buildings erected thereon, for a period of 49 years. A bank guarantee for NIS 50,000, linked to the index, is to be attached to bids. No underwriting is given to accept any bid.

Micha Goldman, Council Chairman

Abbreviations: a.s. = sellers only; b. = buyers only

25 Shares

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Statistics

Stock Indices

General Share (incl. argmt.) 145.25 -1.03%

Non-argmt. 113.94 +0.27%

Arrangement Banks 120.85 -0.07%

Mortgage Banks 140.75 -1.51%

General Bond 117.48 -0.25%

Insurance 98.86 -1.48%

Commerce & Services 141.25 -1.70%

Real Estate & Agri. 155.35 -0.17%

Food & Tobacco 125.36 -1.24%

Textiles 118.21 -0.35%

Metals 132.38 -2.04%

Electronics 124.84 -0.37%

Chemicals 155.35 -0.17%

Industrial Invest. 167.82 -0.53%

Investment Cos. 173.38 -0.89%

Oil Exploration 148.07 -1.02%

Parfume List 92.63 -3.15%

Bond Indices

Index-linked Bonds 117.05 +0.36%

Fixed Income 118.53 +0.28%

Partially Indexed 113.94 +0.27%

Foreign Currency 112.30 -0.10%

Yen 121.47 -0.04%

Short-term 0-2 yrs 114.12 +0.29%

Medium-term 2-5 yrs 118.55 +0.42%

Long-term 5-7 yrs 118.21 +0.22%

Turnovers

Total Shares NIS 12,607,000

Non-argmt. NIS 10,294,800

Arrangement Banks NIS 3,512,200

Bonds NIS 2,024,100

Treasury Bills NIS 20,204,200

Share Movements

Advances 64 (234)

Declines 225 (89)

Unchanged 1 (2)

Trading Halt 41 (25)

Bond Market Trends

Index-linked: 5% fully indexed

4.25% fully indexed

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Israel Money Markets

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Shekel Deposits (annual rates)

Bank	Deposit	Period	7 days	14 days	30 days
Bank Leumi (Sept. 11)	Size				
	40-10,000	11.50	7.00	8.00	8.00
	1,001-10,000	12.50	13.00	14.00	15.00
	10,001-50,000	12.75	14.00	15.00	16.00
Hapoalim (Sept. 7)	100,001-500,000	12.75	14.25	15.25	16.25
	500,001-1,000,000	13.00	14.50	15.50	16.50
	Up to \$99	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.75
	1,000-5,999	11.00	11.00	11.50	12.50
Discount (Sept. 6)	10,000-49,999	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50
	50,000+	12.00	12.00	12.50	13.00
	40-999	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00
	1,000-9,999	11.00	10.50	12.00	12.50
Mizrahi (Sept. 16)	10,000-49,999	11.50	11.50	13.00	13.00
	50,000-99,999	12.00	11.50	13.00	13.50
	40-100	8.00*	8.00	7.00	9.00
	1,001-1,000	9.50	9.50	8.00	9.50
First Intl (Aug. 10)	5,001-10,000	11.00	11.00	11.00	13.00
	10,001-50,000	12.50	13.00	13.00	14.00
	50,000+	14.00	13.50	14.00	14.00
	50-999	—	8.50	9.10	9.80
	1,000-4,999	11.00	8.80	10.20	10.40
	5,000-9,999	11.50	11.00	11.00	11.50
	10,000-49,999	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
	50,000+	12.50	12.50	12.50	13.10

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Le Pen's minor detail

THE EXTREMITIES of the political spectrum are not only alike in their lunacy, mendacity and sheer brazenness. They also share a similar fondness for intolerance, illiberality and, abroad, anti-Semitism, where that includes a denial of the fact and meaning of the Holocaust.

France is reported to have been shaken this week by Jean-Marie Le Pen's blasphemous affirmation on French television that the gassing of European Jewry was, assuming it could be proved, but "a minute detail of the history of World War II."

The surprise of the French is itself astonishing. Over a year ago already the extreme right-wing French weekly *Rivara* accused "Jewish lobbies" of stirring a controversy over attempts by some French thesis-writers to disprove the Holocaust, with intent to hurt the National Front and its anointed leader.

True, Mr. Le Pen, while making no bones about opposing the "inundation" of France by "undesirable" foreigners, notably Arabs, has consistently denied being anti-Semitic. He has also sought, with some measure of success, to improve his xenophobic, racist image in the eyes of French Jews by posing as a friend of Israel. Even when officially advised that it would not be a good idea for him to visit this country, Mr. Le Pen made sure that three members of the National Front's now sizable parliamentary delegation trek to the Jewish state.

Purporting to investigate methods of fighting the blight of Aids they did, and met with three Knesset members in the Knesset lounge. The Israeli legislators later claimed that they had been fooled about the identity of their interlocutors.

Whatever Mr. Le Pen's own feelings about assimilated French Jews and about Israel as a state may be, his natural power base is apparently a constituency that hates Jews as a people as profoundly as it does Arabs. It is thus perfectly in order for Mr. Le Pen to answer a question about the Nazi slaughter of the Jews by observing that non-Jews, too, had died during the war.

The traditional maxim which bids us treat our enemy's enemy as our friend needs to be hedged with careful reservations, it seems. The anti-Semitic leopard will not change its spots by momentarily putting on slightly different skin.

Not a matter of urgency

HOW ENDEMIC inhumanity remains to the Soviet regime even in the new era of *glasnost* and all, is demonstrated by the case of Felix Kochubuevsky, the long-time refusenik and former Prisoner of Zion, and his wife Valentina, of Novosibirsk.

Mr. Kochubuevsky, now aged 57, first applied for permission to leave for Israel back in 1976. The application was turned down, with the possession of state secrets being cited as the reason. That might perhaps have been expected in the case of the holder of a Soviet doctorate in electrical engineering. Mr. Kochubuevsky was, however, officially informed that the ban on his departure would be lifted in 1982. Electrical engineering secrets age fast, after all.

In 1979 Mr. Kochubuevsky's two sons, Alexander and Shlomo, were allowed to go to Israel. But the ban on his own aliyah was not removed in 1982.

What did happen to Mr. Kochubuevsky instead was his two-year incarceration in a labour camp for writing a letter in 1980 to the Madrid Conference on the implementation of the 1975 Helsinki accord. Human rights are not the proper concern of Soviet citizens, particularly, it would appear, of those among them who are bound for aliyah.

Late last month Alexander Kochubuevsky, a captain in the IDF, died in a tragic car crash on the Haifa-Hadera highway. His brother Shlomo telephoned the sad news to the parents in Novosibirsk, but it was too late to ask for special permission to attend the funeral. Instead the bereaved parents asked for permission to come here for the *shloshim*, which falls after Rosh Hashana, and stay.

But permission was denied, on the ground that although it might have made sense if the purpose were to attend the son's funeral, a *shloshim* was not a matter of urgency.

That too, is *glasnost*.

NAKASH EXTRADITION

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cal court to rescind its order barring Nakash from leaving the country.

That order was issued at the request of Nakash's wife, Rina, who claims that she will remain an *agunah* (an abandoned wife) if her husband is extradited.

The state claimed yesterday that Rina's fear of possible *agunah* was a "subterfuge" aimed at postponing her husband's extradition.

Harish and Ben Or, for their part, took pains yesterday to dispel notions that the attorney-general had presented the rabbinical court with an "ultimatum." Ben Or told *The Jerusalem Post*: "The state has presented no ultimatums, merely its request."

Yesterday's arguments by the state revealed that the rabbinical court panel trying the case had recently written to Justice Minister Avraham Shariar that if Nakash were extradited his wife would remain an *agunah*. Ben Or described the religious court judges' letter as

"strange," and stressed that it did not constitute an official deed of the court but rather a "private petition by the three distinguished tribunal members."

Nakash has been waging a two year battle to prevent his extradition to France, where he is wanted for the 1983 murder of an Arab.

Sources close to Drukman charged yesterday that "for reasons of personal prestige" Harish and Justice Ministry director-general Haim Klugman had shot down a proposed exchange of letters with French officials which would have enabled Nakash to serve time in an Israeli prison. The sources alleged that the two had mockingly asked the NRP MK: "Why did you go to the gov when you could have come to us for favours?"

Harish received some rare support yesterday at the other end of the political spectrum. MK Yossi Sarid (Citizens Rights Movement) congratulated the attorney-general's decision not to wait "endlessly" with the extradition.

An open letter to Yitzhak Navon

Time to halt the decay of education

Walter Ackerman

I WRITE this, an open letter, to Education Minister Yitzhak Navon, as both a concerned citizen and as an academician with a scholarly interest in the workings of Israel's state school system. I write because of my conviction that in a democratic society, public debate and discussion must play a central role in the process of determining educational policy. Decisions which affect the lives of tens of thousands of children and their families cannot and should not be left to a relatively small group of professionals, seemingly unaccountable to anyone.

It is not easy, in our times, for the ordinary citizen, no matter how interested, to assess the quality of educational systems. They are too large and complicated. Most of us rely on our own experiences in school as the basis for judging present practice. The past, filtered by nostalgia and distance, invariably seems superior. If we are lucky, our children sometimes provide us with an idea of what goes on in school.

Generally speaking, however, the most hackneyed of adult questions, "What did you do in school today?" elicits a wonderfully brief answer, "Nothing." In the best of circumstances, personal experience can provide only a limited perspective of a nation's school system, one which is hardly adequate for the development of informed positions about important educational issues.

The media, as might be expected, are today our major source of information about national educational policy and programmes. Even a casual reading of the press and half-attentive listening to the radio dur-

ing the past few months raise disturbing questions regarding the current condition of our country's public schools and institutions of higher learning.

A few examples of recently reported items are enough to illustrate the point: the number of teachers without proper certification and the percentage of elementary school principals without academic degrees; newly mandated programmes which add to an already overburdened curriculum and cut into precious instructional time, alongside continuing complaints about declining levels of scholastic achievement; the spread of "private" tutoring which favours those able to afford such "compensatory" instruction over those of lesser means; and plans for a change in the requirements of the matriculation examinations which, because they represent a significant shift in policy, have evolved strong opposition.

Other items in the press lately include a proposal for the administration of achievement tests at the end of the sixth grade which will determine a youngster's life chances at that early an age coupled with "open registration" in junior high schools - ideas whose merits are open to serious question; the failure of the government to set an equitable university tuition fee; repeated statements by respected academicians regarding the deterioration of standards in our universities and their failing ability to maintain the

high quality of research and instruction which is essential to our country's existence and development.

Even if these reports are somewhat exaggerated and sometimes based on less than accurate information and faulty interpretation, as the Education Ministry's spokesman usually claims, the general picture is at best confusing and at worst, dismaying.

A SHORT FEW months from now we will celebrate 40 years of independence and mark 35 years since the passage of the State Education Act, legislation which abolished the "trend system" of the Yishuv and established the state school system. The achievements of our schools and universities during these three-and-a-half decades are often impressive by any standard; and even more so under the circumstances which characterize life in our beleaguered country. The past, however, is no guarantee of the future; practices and programmes which were once appropriate may no longer be suitable or sensible.

Before we embark, however, on radical changes in policy and long-range programmes of significant consequence, the public is entitled to an accurate assessment of the quality of the education provided by the nation's schools on all levels. The free flow of information is the lifeblood of democratic governance; knowledge is the irreplaceable base of responsible citizenship.

In the absence of such a data base, discussion about particular plans and programmes are meaningless and potentially misleading. In order to

DEMONSTRATIONS are never pleasant experiences, and their proliferation in modern society is one of the less fortunate side-effects of the democratic system. This is why so many citizens of Jerusalem have kept away from the protests against Shabbat desecration, despite the fact that they are opposed to public Shabbat desecration no less than their more vociferous *haredi* brethren.

It is a serious mistake to think that only certain *haredi* elements are concerned about the growing number of Shabbat violations. If a count were taken, those supporting Shabbat observance would constitute a clear majority - though some of them would not ordinarily regard themselves as "religious." Moreover, they are a growing majority; most newcomers to Jerusalem are of a religious hue, while those leaving Jerusalem are from the non-religious camp.

Jerusalem has a special character and quality of its own. The world knows about it, visitors expect to find it, and Jews are here to enjoy it.

Moreover, the religious expression which was (and is) so difficult to experience in other countries is here taken for granted; and it is unthinkable that religious Jews should not feel at home in Jerusalem, or that they should be ghettoized and kept in restricted areas.

Living a religious Jewish life is not something which can be confined to the privacy of one's home. It requires a sense of normalcy, the atmosphere of the street, the peacefulness and quiet of the Shabbat, and so on. All this needs to be taken for granted; and thank God it has been taken for granted until now with regard to Jerusalem. This peace must not be allowed to be shattered. The president himself has recognized the need and expressed it.

The opening of cinemas on Shabbat, no matter how devious the method, is but one step down on a slippery slope towards making Jeru-

A gross over-reaction

B. M. Casper

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IT IS AGAINST this background that one should view the stand presently taken by the religious camps. The attitude of the *haredim* may be uncomfortable, but they cannot be wished away, nor driven away with brutality. The scenes shown on television and in the press in recent days

Dry Bones



provide the public with what it must know if it is to participate in constructive debate, I suggest - and this is the purpose of this letter - that Mr. Navon appoint a non-partisan public committee, composed of as wide a range of competencies and experience as practically possible, and charge it with the responsibility of reporting to the nation on the current condition of our schools, together with broad guidelines for policy.

The recently published American report, *A Nation at Risk*, provides a model for the work of the committee proposed here.

I do not want to minimize either the difficulties involved in the creation of such a committee or the

complexities connected with the preparation of an objective statement. I do want to emphasize that a faltering public confidence in the ability of our schools to meet the extraordinary challenges which confront us can be affected only by imaginative initiatives.

I have no doubt that the final report of the committee will draw criticism from many quarters. That will be the beginning of the kind of public discussion which is essential to charting the course of our educational efforts for the coming decade - and beyond.

The writer is Shane Family Professor of Education at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

READERS' LETTERS

NO TO SHABBAT DEMONSTRATIONS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, - I feel that the intrinsic sanctity of Jerusalem cannot be threatened by a few more places of entertainment being open on Shabbat. If at all, it suffers more from the obscene and violent films shown there during the week. If people want to visit cinemas on Shabbat, let them - they don't become Shabbat observers by not doing so. There has never been a more massive public *chillul Shabbat* in Jerusalem than that caused by the demonstrators.

For certain groups, demonstrations like this are a way of life. Remember the swimming pool at the President Hotel? The Billy Rose Sculpture Garden? The Ramot Road? The G area in the City of David? They soon tire of one *cassu belli* and begin to look for another.

Truly religious people should dissociate themselves and stay away from such demonstrations. There are better ways to spread the light of Torah and its observances.

Rabbi Dr. ALEXANDER CARLBACH

Jerusalem.

WHO IS RELIGIOUS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, - It surprises me to hear Orthodox Jews referred to as "religious," not only by themselves and by non-religious persons, but by devout Conservative and Reform Jews as well. The implication, it would seem, is that forms of Judaism other than Orthodox are somehow less "religious," authentic or valid.

I would suggest that, although their observance is not as comprehensive in its attention to the multitudinous details of daily life, Conservative, Reconstructionist or Reform Jews may be serious, as devout and as "religious" in their interpretation of Judaism as Orthodox.

Jerusalem. DANIEL EPSTEIN

OFFENSIVE STATEMENT

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, - Yesterday, on a local Hebrew radio programme, (WEVD, New York), I was shocked and insulted to hear Ya'acov Tsur, the minister of aliyah and klita, refer to the *yetser nedudim* (instinct, natural desire to wander) of the Jewish people.

My mother did not choose to leave Russia because of some natural desire to wander. Rather, her father was killed in a pogrom and a Jewish organization rescued her from a Romanian refugee camp. Her mother was left behind never to be seen again.

My wife's father did not leave Poland for Argentina on a sight-

seeing trip. He left one step ahead of the Nazis.

My wife's mother did not leave Morocco for Israel for a desire to see the world. She was thrown out when the State of Israel was declared.

Two thousand years ago, our ancestors did not leave Israel because of their *yetser nedudim*. They were thrown out, their kingdom left in ruins.

By referring to a *yetser nedudim*, Yacov Tsur excuses our persecutors and blames our people for our sorrowful history of wandering. This reference to a *yetser nedudim* is an old, anti-Semitic saw.

WALTER GROSSMAN

Mount Kisco, N.Y.

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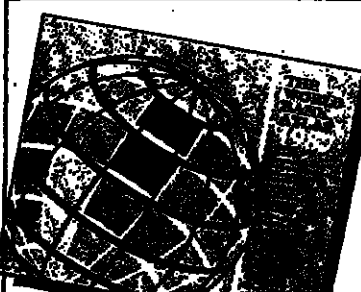
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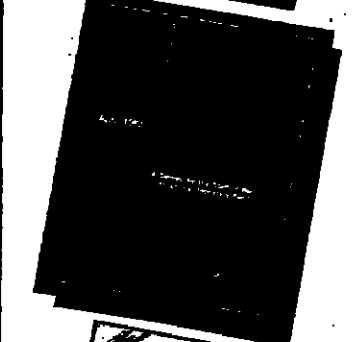
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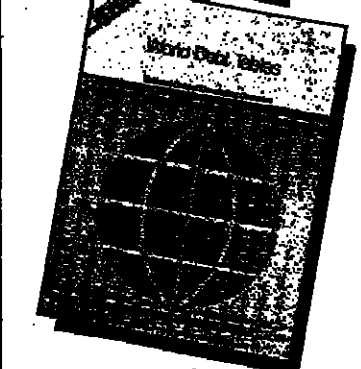
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